

**Minutes**  
Town of Oshkosh

**Town Board Meeting – OCTOBER 25, 2010 - 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall**

PRESENT: Chairman Gerald Frey, Supervisor Carol Kaufmann, Supervisor Jim Erdman, Treasurer Maribeth Gabert, Clerk Jeannette Merten and audience of 9.

Chairman Frey called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION BY ERDMAN, KAUFMANN SECONDED, TO APPROVE MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 11, 2010 AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL. KAUFMANN, YES; ERDMAN, YES; FREY, YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Participation:**

Steve Karow, fire department member, talked about fire department security concerns of access into the building. He reported that the department has decided that they will be changing the locks with a key pad type system.

Josh Koontz, 927 Butler Ave., asked when the speed bumps on Butler will be installed. Chairman Frey said that he just talked to the county highway department about that and it should happen very soon.

Bill Rupnow had Wesley Heating come to check the heating system. The heat exchanger is broke. There is no heat in the meeting room. There is heat in the VFD section of the building. Clerk Merten said that there is an Election going on in about a week and heat will be necessary this time of year. Rupnow had already gotten an estimate from Wesley Heating on the repair. Supervisor Carol Kaufmann offered to get another estimate and whichever is the least expensive and is able to repair it by the date of Election, she will go with. Rupnow also mentioned that an electrical panel should be placed in the meeting room section. As it is right now, if someone is renting the town hall and blew a fuse, they would have to contact someone to access the VFD section of the building to reset it. Kaufmann also offered to collect some estimates on having that done and bring those estimates to the next meeting.

Jason Selwitchska reported that that Gold Cross is in the process of hiring nine of them to work as EMT's with basic skills. They will also be the host to an EMS course taken at the town hall on Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> until May in the evenings. Clerk Merten said that IVSD meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 4H meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. There are Elections on Tuesdays, one in February and one in April and there is our annual Town

Meeting which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April. These are all conflicts in the calendar. Kaufmann offered to contact the 4H and IVSD about having their dates changed. Jason said they could meet in the fire house for the couple of Election dates.

Phil Grundy, Fire Chief, reported that some members want to keep the truck that sits unused right now and others don't feel the same. Because of the economy and everyone's tight budget the best they could sell the truck for is around \$60,000. The money received would go back into the town funds offsetting the cost of the new truck purchase last year. Board is still of the opinion to go ahead and sell the truck.

### **Planning and Zoning:**

#### **Building Inspector report.**

Dave Frank, Town Building Inspector, had nothing new to report.

#### **Inform Landowners of Farmland Preservation meetings.**

Supervisor Erdman reported that the County has been pushing off to the towns that they need to inform residents about Farmland Preservation. The board would like the letter sent to resident that own possibly ten acres or more. Erdman said it is still questionable of who may all qualify in our town. He is planning on attending a meeting tomorrow and will directly ask that questions and inform Clerk Merten which will determine who the letter will be sent to.

#### **Address the Ehlke Variance Denial.**

Dick and Kay Ehlke said they only have a few more weeks in order to file an appeal to the denial.

**MOTION BY KAUFMANN, ERDMAN SECOND, TO REQUEST TOWN ATTORNEY JOHN ST. PETER TO WRITE A LETTER TO CARRY ROWE WITH WINNEBAGO COUNTY REGARDING THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION MADE TO THE EHLKE PROPERTY TO BUILD A BOAT HOUSE OVER THE EXISTING SLIP. ROLL CALL. ERDMAN, YES; KAUFMANN, YES; FREY, YES. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Address Boathouse Text Amendment.**

The town attorney John St. Peter has been working with Carry Rowe on how to go about initiating a County text amendment that would allow either a boat house or a storage building for lots on Channel View. It could be written in as an exception to a specific area.

**Bristol Square development, closing of Norton and Zarling Ave access.**

Chairman Frey reported that Town attorney John St. Peter is going to take care of the mapping where there is an error brought to his attention by Bill Frueh who surveyed the area for vacating Norton Ave. highway access.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Approve Amendments to Firework Ordinance.**

Clerk is waiting for information from the attorney. Postpone until the next meeting agenda.

**Approve Resolution pertaining to Fireworks.**

Clerk is waiting for information from the attorney. Postpone until the next meeting agenda.

**Chain and signage at the end of Indian Pt. Rd.**

Chairman Frey said that will be taking the chain down soon for the winter months. There is a sign on the chain that says "No boat launching". There is another sign posted in the ground that says "No swimming or loitering".

In the board's opinion, people are able to take a canoe walk it around the chain when it is positioned there.

**Culvert replacement at Killdeer Lane.**

Frey reported that the project is all set to go.

**Discuss options for taking over sewer/water currently operated through WMHI.**

Frey is waiting to be contacted to meet with WMHI and the city and will let the other board member know when that happens.

**New Business:**

None.

**Forthcoming Events of public interest:**

Erdman reported on the Lakes Commission group that has been discussed at other East Central meetings. There is another East Central meeting this Friday.

There has been cleaning and clearing of brush at 4666 Island View Drive.

**Correspondence:**

1. WTA minutes from October 4, 2010 meeting.
2. WI Dept of Administration; Final Estimate of Population.

3. Winnebago Co; Variance Request denied to Richard and Kay Ehlke.
4. Winnebago Co; Conditional Use Permit granted regarding Grundy Quarry.
5. Maureen Fitzgerald; letter regarding Cowie's dog.
6. Winnebago Planning Dept. Farmland Preservation Plan regional meetings & DATCP presentation.
7. Attorney John St. Peter; concerns regarding Zarling Ave access.
8. Public Service Commission of WI; SEA, electric energy need and sources of supply draft.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS AS PRESENTED BY ERDMAN, FREY  
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY KAUFMANN, SECONDED BY ERDMAN, TO  
ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Jeannette Merten  
Town of Oshkosh Clerk